



## Risk factors associated with clinic visits during the 1999 forest fires near the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation, California, USA

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### Abstract:

Forest fires burned near the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation in northern California from late August until early November in 1999. The fires generated particulate matter reaching hazardous levels. We assessed the relationship between patients seeking care for six health conditions and PM(10) exposure levels during the 1999 fires and during the corresponding period in 1998 when there were no fires. Multivariate logistic regression analysis indicated that daily PM(10) levels in 1999 were significant predictors for patients seeking care for asthma, coronary artery disease and headache after controlling for potential risk factors. Stratified multivariate logistic regression models indicated that daily PM(10) levels in 1999 were significant predictors for patients seeking care for circulatory illness among residents of nearby communities and new patients, and for respiratory illness among residents of Hoopa and those of nearby communities.

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### Resource Description

#### Exposure :

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Air Pollution, Extreme Weather Event

**Air Pollution:** Particulate Matter

**Extreme Weather Event:** Wildfires

#### Geographic Feature:

resource focuses on specific type of geography

Rural

#### Geographic Location:

resource focuses on specific location

United States

#### Health Impact:

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

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Cardiovascular Effect, Diabetes/Obesity, Respiratory Effect, Other Health Impact

**Cardiovascular Effect:** Other Cardiovascular Effect

**Cardiovascular Disease (other):** circulatory illness; coronary artery disease

**Respiratory Effect:** Asthma, Other Respiratory Effect

**Respiratory Condition (other) :** respiratory illness

**Other Health Impact:** headache

**Population of Concern:** A focus of content

**Population of Concern:** ☒

populations at particular risk or vulnerability to climate change impacts

Children, Racial/Ethnic Subgroup

**Other Racial/Ethnic Subgroup:** Hoopa Valley Indians

**Resource Type:** ☒

format or standard characteristic of resource

Research Article

**Timescale:** ☒

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified